

Appl. No. : 09/678,752
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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed on December 29, 2003, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse and for purposes of examination, Group II: Claims 23-92. Group I Claims 1-22 are canceled without prejudice, as drawn to a non-elected invention. Within Group II, Applicant further cancels Claims 23-56 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file the canceled claims of Group I in a divisional application. Applicant also reserves the right to refile the canceled claims in Group II in a continuation application. New Claims 93-140 have been added to Group II to further protect the invention.

Applicant submits that the above election of Group II is responsive to the Office Action. If the Examiner finds any impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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